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Sir:

**CLAIM OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS**

The applicants claim small entity status for the above-identified application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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